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a second segment pivotally coupled to the first segment;
and

a third segment pivotally coupled to the second segment,
the third segment capable of being removably coupled
to the portable electronic device,

wherein, in a support configuration, the second segment
supports the portable electronic device such that both
the portable electronic device and the third segment are
suspended above and lack contact with the first seg-
ment, and

wherein, in a closed configuration, the first segment
covers an entirety of the display assembly of the
portable electronic device.

14. The folio of claim **13**, wherein the second segment
comprises a layer of viscoelastic material sandwiched
between two structural layers.

15. The folio of claim **13**, wherein the folio further
comprises a power storage unit that is capable of transferring
electrical energy to the portable electronic device.

16. The folio of claim **15**, wherein the first segment
further carries a power inlet electrically coupled to the
power storage unit.

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17. The folio of claim **13**, wherein the input device is
removably coupled to the first segment such that the input
device is replaceable with a second input device.

18. The folio of claim **13**, wherein the first segment is
removably coupled to the second segment such that the first
segment is replaceable with a second portable electronic
device carrying a second display assembly.

19. The folio of claim **13**, wherein the third segment
further comprises a first sub- segment and a second sub-
segment that is rotatable relative to the first sub-segment,
and wherein the folio is configurable to a clipboard con-
figuration, the clipboard configuration comprising (i) the
second sub-segment is folded onto the first sub-segment and
the second segment, and (ii) the first sub-segment and
second segment are folded over the first segment.

20. The folio of claim **13**, wherein a transparent protective
layer of the portable electronic device is fully covered by the
first segment in the closed configuration.

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